Shallow Water Egress Trainers (SWETs)

- SWET history – 3rd BDE went to Iraq and the first six casualties were drownings.
- The Aquatics Director called Whidbey Island Naval Station and scrounged two SWETs ready for turn in and sent them to DOL fabrication for repair and modification

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- The Aquatic staff then received training from the Navy. After working through risk assessments, lesson plans, Interceptor Ballistic Armor and other equipment issues we now have a SWET training program that over 500 soldiers from 1st BDE have taken before their Iraq deployment.

- Our scenarios begin with the soldier wearing a scuba mask, getting flipped over into the water, releasing the seat belt, finding the door handle, and opening the door. Scenario two is the same with no scuba mask. Scenario three is the same except the first door is blocked and they have to turn around and open the passenger side door.